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S. CHOH,
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Hongkong, 3rd October, 1898. [32]

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4 1/2 " " 6 "
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E. W. RUTTER,
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Hongkong, 15th October, 1898. [123]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital 1,000,000
Paid up Capital 324,374

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:
D. Gillies, Esq.

J. T. Lauts, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.
Chief Manager,
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per
Cent. per Annum.
Hongkong, 30th November, 1897. [2]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$9,000,000
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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 28th October, 1898. [19]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted
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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1898. [10]

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" 3 1/2
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong. [31]

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(10)

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS
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(Passing through the Island Sea.) (See Special Advertisement.)

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Hongkong, 7th December, 1898. [3]

D. C. L.
OLD TOM AND DRY GIN.

\$7 PER DOZ.

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No. 5-B, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL Centrally situated, well furnished and supplied with excellent Cuisine and Good Wines.

The Company's Steam-launch attends the arrival and departure of all Mail Steamers.

Special attention paid to the Comfort of Visitors.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager.

Yokohama, 1st October, 1897. [136]

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EXTRA QUALITY, EXTRA DRY
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HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, LONDON
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Hongkong, 3rd December, 1898. [135]

CURRY
AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL

NEW STOCK OF
CHRISTMAS TOYS.

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Hongkong, 1st December, 1898.

Intimations.

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FOR THE
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CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT,
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HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS of all kinds.
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A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL adjoining the Tramway Terminus. FINE HEALTHY LOCATION
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MANAGER, PEAK HOTEL. [28]

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CELEBRATED SCOTCH WHISKIES.

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All the above brands we guarantee to be pure Malt Whiskies. The differences in price are
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A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED,
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Hongkong, 19th May, 1898. [66]

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FROM THE WELL KNOWN MANUFACTURERS

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BRANDS: In this of: Price per 100
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UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 12th October, 1898. [1223]

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THE only remedy at present known as an INFALLIBLE and PERMANENT CURE for
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Recommended by some of the Chief Specialists of the Medical Profession.

Sold retail by all Chemists and Wholesalers

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Shanghai. [1426]

12th October, 1898. [1224]

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HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE SOLE
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HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD, WEST.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1898. [60]

To-day's
Advertisements.IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE MATTER OF THE GOODES OF ALEXANDER STOPANI, LATE OF VICTORIA IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG WHO DIED AT NATHRETH HOUSE HAMMERSMITH, LONDON, ON THE 31ST AUGUST, 1898.

DECEASED.

TAKE NOTICE THAT JOHN WORRELL CARRINGTON, Knight Chief Justice of Hongkong has limited the time for CREDITORS and others to send in their CLAIMS against the above ESTATE to SATURDAY, the 1st day of April, 1899.

All persons having any claim against the above Estate are hereby required to send in the same to the Undersigned on or before the said first day of April, 1899.

Dated the 7th December, 1898.

DEACON & HASTINGS,
35, Queen's Road,
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ROBERT GORDON SHEWAN,
Executor of the above Estate.THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALL.THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMA
TIC CLUBwill produce a Pantomime entitled,
"THE YELLOW DWARF,"or
"HARLEQUIN THE KNAVE OF HEARTS,"and the
FAIR PRINCESS.'

On the following dates:—

THURSDAY, 31st January, 1899.

SATURDAY, 2nd " "

MONDAY, 3rd " "

WEDNESDAY, 5th " "

SATURDAY, 7th " "

The TICKET OFFICE at the Theatre will be OPENED on THURSDAY, the 2nd Dec., at 10 A.M. and Seats can be Booked from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., every day; SUNDAYS and GENERAL HOLIDAYS excepted.

E. W. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary,

Hongkong, 8th December, 1898.

Intimation.

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LIMITED.FLOWER AND VEGETABLE
SEEDS.

FOR THE SEASON 1898-1899.

Orders are executed from New Stocks only.

Priced Catalogues with Hints for Gardening
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quested that care be taken when sowing and
supervision exercised over Chinese gardeners,
whose incompetence in dealing with the Seeds
may sometimes lead to disappointing results.CLAY'S FERTILIZER.
Supplies natural nourishment to the soil
IN TINS

10lbs. each	\$7.75
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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

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TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY
BEWARE THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1898.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

President McKinley's message to Congress as reported by Reuter foreshadows the entry of the United States into the future of China. He claims a friendly and undiscriminating treatment for American commerce from new occupants of Chinese ports" which we presume refers to Kiao-chow, Port Arthur, Tali-nan and Wei-hai-wei. The welfare of China is evidently no longer to be regarded as the special charge of the European Powers. The United States by the new Colonial and Foreign policy to which they stand committed must now be regarded by the European Powers as a new factor to be taken into consideration in the Far Eastern problem. The aims of the British and Americans as regards China are one, as was recently pointed out by Lord Salisbury, but to the other Powers interested in Far Eastern affairs the entry of the United States among them cannot but be regarded as serious. It means that another has arisen to claim a share of the trade of China, another has to be reckoned with, before any action can be undertaken and consequently the chances of collisions and disagreements are increased. The British can afford to welcome the entry of the Americans into Far Eastern politics but the Powers whose aims do not make for the "open door" must perceive the matter otherwise.

A CORRESPONDENT reports that the Philippine Republican Congress, which holds its sittings in Malolos, has passed a Bill, by a large majority, providing for complete religious liberty in the Philippines. The Bill also provides for the separation of Church from State.

THE *Yusho Nippon* mentions a rumour to the effect that as a result of the interview between the Cabinet and the Kenseito, Marquis Yamagata, Minister President, will resign and be succeeded by Marquis Saigo, who will then proceed to form a Cabinet with the assistance of the Kenseito.

THE Band of the K. O. Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, to-morrow, commencing at 8 p.m.:—

Overture.....Gazelle
Selection.....Regina di Lombardia.....Dordogne

Impromptu.....Invitation à la Ville.....Weber

Dance.....Des Aborigines.....Ch. Le. Tiers

Reminiscences of Wilds.....Ard. Godfrey

Valse.....Admirations.....Waltz

God Save the Queen.

The P. and O. Company have recently increased their fleet by the purchase from Messrs. Robert Alexander and Co., of the steamers *Roxford Hall*, *Brankstone Hall*, and *Lockley Hall*. These vessels, which were built by the Palmer Shipbuilding Company of Jarrow, are of about 4,000 tons gross register, and carry sixty saloon passengers and 6,000 tons of cargo. They will shortly be transferred to the company, and will be employed in their intermediate cargo lines. The vessels will be known in the P. and O. fleet as the *Nashua*, *Palis*, and *Tidbit*.

The appointment of a committee to study the industrial and commercial conditions of China is undoubtedly a step in the right direction. If the investigations of the committee are intelligently and thoroughly carried out they cannot fail to benefit America's trade with China by placing the needs of the Chinese market plainly before American manufacturers and exporters, who, from this being shown the requirements of the Chinese, will be enabled to meet their customers half-way by adapting their goods to the market and not having to hunt for a market to fit the goods. Undoubtedly many new lines of trade could be opened up with China once the merchants and manufacturers were made acquainted with the requirements of the people and the classes of goods most suitable for the Chinese market. It takes a considerable time to create a demand in a conservative country such as China for any new and unfamiliar article, but a little local knowledge would often enable some slight change to be made which would render it more familiar

to the Chinese and more in accordance with their wants. As a case in point we might mention that the Malays will not look at an ordinary English axe or billhook, but readily buy axe heads and billhooks made in Birmingham but after the Malayan pattern.

We have heard it said that British manufacturers are too conservative in this respect. They frequently prefer to offer their goods upon a market without taking into consideration their suitability to it, and as a result are sometimes ousted by their more enterprising cousins the Germans, who are ever ready to make changes in the quality or form of the goods supplied to native customers and are constantly on the lookout for new ideas and open to receive native suggestions. In these days of keen competition it is not enough to display one's goods and then sit down and patiently wait for buyers. The buyers will go to the shop that will supply them with the article best suited to their requirements and it is therefore necessary to find out the needs of the customer and supply them, and not wait until he discovers a use for the goods placed before him for inspection. It is a great pity, we have heard said, that the British merchants in the Far East do not establish industrial museums at the Treaty Ports, where British goods could be exhibited and information as to native wants collected. Such museums could be easily run by a syndicate of firms who would thus be able to adapt their imports to the needs of their customers, and by showing samples of new goods would probably create new wants and open out markets for articles as yet unknown in China.

A WUCHANG dispatch received in Shanghai, states that Viceroy Chang Chih-tung has received another telegram from Magistrate Tsai in Lichuan announcing a fresh rebellion. The rebels have joined Yumauku and are preparing to seize the city. The Viceroy has ordered the Lieutenant-General at Ichang and colonel Yang to take troops there with all speed. Two French marines have been sent to Ichang from Inchuan under an official escort.

The Nankin government has suppressed the publication for six months of a vernacular paper called the *Gulburga Samachar*, printed in the Nankin's territory, which by means of inflammatory articles affecting the relationship between Europeans and Natives attempted to excite ill-feeling against the British government.

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WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory, report says:—On the 8th at 11.35 a.m. Barometric changes are slight. Pressure remains high over Central China with moderate gradients and fresh to strong monsoon on the coast and in the N. part of the China Seas.

FORECAST:—Moderate N.E. winds; fine.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE publication of this paper commenced at 5.45 p.m.

H.M.S. *Alacrity* was expected at Shanghai on the 4th inst.

FOR STEALING a roll of silk a coolie to-day was haled before Capt. Hastings. Instead of silk he will have an intimate acquaintance with canvas or light sail cloth during the ensuing two months.

THE total expenditure in connection with the recent Japanese Military Marconies is estimated to amount to yen 257,000. Of this sum about yen 100,000 has been borne by the Imperial Household Department.

A SPECIAL telegram was received by the *Universal Gazette* on the evening of the 2nd Inst. stating that Li Hung-ching had started on his inspection of the Yellow River. Accompanied by a goodly retinue he went via Tschou.THE *Shanghai Daily Press* learns that Ch'en Shao-lu, Admiral of the Yangtze received

orders from H.E. Lin, Viceroy of the Liang Kiang, to summon all the available ships of his

squadron, by wire to Nanking, including torpedo boats.

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The figures for the different imports as given by one of the largest importers, which are taken as presumably more correct than the Customs' returns, are as follows:—

Quantity, Cases, Russian 297,000

Langkat 199,043

American (Devon) 49,500

Other kinds 12,300

Total 557,843

The Langkat oil, which has as good a reputation as the Russian, comes from Sumatra, and the business is in the hands of a British firm, the *Borneo Co., Ltd.* A German firm (Messrs. A. Markwald and Co., Ltd.) has the agency for the Langkat imports.

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THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

The following is a summary of the report on the half-year from the 1st April to the 30th September last, submitted to the general meeting of shareholders of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha held on the 23rd ult.:-

The contract with the Formosa Government for the Formosa service expired on the 31st March last, and was renewed for another year.

On the European line, 11 steamers were dispatched from Japan and 8 arrived from Europe during the period under review. Cargo was obtained in large quantities at the Strait's Settlements and Colombo; for the outward voyage and freight was maintained at fairly remunerative rates by the conference of shipowners. Owing, however, to the American-Spanish war, the cargo at these places showed a great decrease for two months from the latter part of July. Freights homeward have decreased since July in consequence of the general depression of trade in Japan. From October there was a tendency for the import cargo to increase in view of the new Customs Tariffs coming into force from January next. New steamers for this line having been completed, the service was made forthwith, commencing with the "dispatch" of the *Kanagawa Maru*, which left Yokohama on the 14th May. Of the 12 new steamers for this line, the *Kanagawa*, *Hakata*, *Kawachi*, *Wakasa*, *Komakura*, *Sanuki*, *Inaba*, *Tambi*, and *Biwa* arrived early in the period under review. The *Hitsuchi*, which was built at Nagasaki, was completed in August, the *Sado* arrived from England in September, while the *Shikoku*, which is being built in England, is expected to be completed in May or June next, and another steamer, to be used as a reserve vessel, is expected to be under way for Japan, about October next year.

On the Trans-Pacific line the outward cargo showed a serious decrease in consequence of the American-Spanish war, and less tea was exported owing to the imposition of a tax in America. Notwithstanding that the owners of the various steamers running on this line entered into a conference, the estimated revenue was not realized in consequence of the great falling off in outward cargo. On the homeward voyage, on the other hand, every steamer was fully loaded with raw cotton, flax, iron and lumber.

On the Australian line import cargo gradually increased despite the economical depression in Japan. Of the three vessels ordered for this line, the *Kanaga*, arrived in September from England and two others are expected to arrive shortly. The use of these new steamers will naturally result in an increase of expenditure, and it is uncertain as yet whether the revenue will increase in proportion. Provision is however, being made for the maintenance of the line.

On the Bombay run, the *Wakasa*, *Kagoshima* and *Tenri* were added to the number of regular vessels employed, owing to the large quantities of raw cotton accumulating at Bombay for Japan.

In consequence of an increase in the demand for railway materials, labourers and provisions at Vladivostok, the service on the Vladivostok line, which has hitherto been monthly, was made twice weekly.

The company carried forward the large amount of £580,000 to meet any losses incurred in consequence of trade depression.

A sum-mixed statement of the company's accounts for the half-year is appended:-

RECEIPTS.

Net Profit Yr. 1,400,758
Amount brought over from last account 196,058
Total Yr. 1,596,816

EXPENDITURE.

Added to reserve Yr. 70,488
Bonuses to directors and auditors 42,302
In paying dividend (equal to 8 per cent) 856,000
Carried forward to next account 587,036
Total Yr. 1,596,816

ITALY AND THE RED SEA.

Signor Feltr, the Italian Civil Commissioner of Assab, arrived at Port on Oct. 22nd from Retheta, to obtain materials for housing the Italian troops now there. He reported that there had been trouble with the Sultan of Retheta, who, after refusing to proceed to Assab, to give explanations as to his political conduct, fired on the soldiers of the Commissioner's escort, killing four men. The comrades of the Sultan's family were killed, but the Sultan himself escaped. It is supposed, to Obok.

SIMPLICITY OF GREAT MEN.

The simplicity and ignorance of great men form the subject of an interesting article by Mr. Michael MacDonagh in the current number of the *Cornhill Magazine*. There are, he says, many amusing examples of the infantile ignorance of judges, such as the late Lord Coleridge's "Who is Constable Gilchrist?" Sir Henry Hawkin's "What is he?" and Essi Halsbury's "Who was Pigott?" It is a libel action by a lady journalist against Mr. Gilbert, a few years ago Sir E. Clarke read from a book of the plaintiff's a description of Chopin's "umber-shaded hair". Lord Russell of Killowen's face assumed a look of blank astonishment. "What shade?" said he. "Umber-shaded," replied Sir Edward. "Yes, but what shade is that?" pressed the Chief Justice. The British jury could stand it no longer. "Brown, my lord-brown," they all cried with one voice; and the case proceeded.

Mr. Justice Bell, an Irish Judge, was noted for his amazing manifestations of ignorance, but whether they were real or pretended has never been clearly established. He tried a case in which man was indicted for robbery at the hour of poor widow. The first witness was the young daughter of the widow, who identified the prisoner as the man who entered the house, and smothered her mother's chest. "Do you say that the prisoner at the bar broke your mother's chest?" said the judge in astonishment. "He did, my lord," answered the girl; "he jumped on it till it was smashed entirely." The judge turned to the Crown Counsel and said, "How is this? Why is not the prisoner indicted for murder? If he smothered this poor woman's chest in the way the witness has described, he must surely have killed her." "But, my lord," said the counsel, "it was a wooden chest!"

Some men were indicted at the Cork Assizes for riot and assault before the same judge. The prisoners had beaten two labourers, who were drawing turf from a bog belonging to an obnoxious landlord. One of the witnesses said in the course of his evidence, "As we came near to the bog we saw the prisoners fencing along the road." "Er what do you say the prisoners were doing?" asked Mr. Justice Bell. "Fencing, my lord." "With what?" "Spades and shovels, my lord." The judge, looking amazed, said to the Crown Counsel, "Can this be true? Am I to understand that peasants in this part of the country fence along the roads, using spades and shovels for tools?" "I can explain it, my lord," said the counsel. "The prisoners were making a ditch, which we call a fence, in this part of the country."

THE PUNJOM MINES.

NEW LEASE GRANTED.

Kuala Lipis, November 22nd.

A new lease of the Punjom Mining Company, which has hitherto been working without a direct title from the State, has just been issued by Government. This document, which is the result of protracted negotiations, conveys mining rights over an area of fifty square miles, for a period of fifty years terminating in 1948, on payment of a merely nominal annual rental. Among the important clauses is one dealing with the labour question. It is provided that the Company must continuously employ for mining purposes not less than one labourer for every ten acres of land leased. In the event of this provision not being carried out literally, the Company has the option of employing the equivalent of such labour in machinery and local supervision, the working value of an Asafee mining labour being under the lease reckoned as equal to \$100 per annum, and in machinery one horsepower being taken as equivalent to 25 labourers. Another clause provides for the exemption of the lessees from the payment of all duties or taxes now, or hereafter to become, payable in Pahang, excepting duties on opium, spirits, and tobacco imported, which will have to be paid at whatever rates may be forced from time to time. The land leased cannot be used for any purpose other than mining and operations connected with mining. On its part, the Company has surrendered the old concession document, which was given to it by the Sultan prior to the advent of the British, and which provided for mining as well as planting rights. The Sultan, however, wanted and the Company agreed to pay a royalty of ten per cent on gold exported, whereas the Government now contents itself with a moiety of that levy. During the past ten years, Pahang has been working with only partial success. It is now to be hoped that, with a new lease granted, a new manager appointed, new capital subscribed, and a new year approaching, a new and prosperous era has also dawned on a company that has displayed a perseverance which commands respect, and deserves better results than those which have so far crowned its efforts. — *Straits Times*.

SELANGOR NEWS.

A planter complains that he is not allowed to sell the timber, which he sells to clear his estate for planting. It certainly seems hard, but other than bona fide planters would possibly select a piece of well-wooded land, sell the timber, and then return to go on planting.

A Selangor planter went to Singapore recently in pursuit of an European, who had left there owing him money. It was only on proof of the gentleman's signature, that the planter was allowed to take out a warrant. But the missing gentleman could not be found, and the planter has lost \$1,000, besides being money out of pocket over his trip.

Toway Loko Yew is now clearing all the land inside the race-course at Kuala Lumpur, and placing it under cultivation, thereby immensely improving the appearance of the place.

Owing to the fact that the *Sri Pegatas* and *Batu* now go to Kuala Selangor before calling at Klang, the Si-geape papers for Tuesday, do not reach Kuala Lumpur till Friday morning, whilst Wednesday's paper arrives on Thursday evening!

A herd of eight elephants is reported to be making havoc of the paddy field near the Klang River in Kuala Lumpur.

On the 21st last, at K'way Paul, near Sungai Besi, a Chinaman was killed by lightening. There were only a few black marks upon his body.

On the 23rd last, two Chinese miners were buried alive in a mine at the 1st milestone near Sungai Besi.

It is said that a number of Perak tawlays are coming to Selangor to take up mining land.

The Selangor Tui Club intends to hold a sky meeting at Kuala Lumpur on the 2nd January, with seven events.

WLAVIDVOSTOCK.

November 13th.

On the 3rd of November, between 8 and 9 a.m., a gang of robbers attacked the Catholic Church, killing two old men, servants of the church, which they plundered. Three of the robbers were arrested and will be tried by the military tribunal on the 17th. It is expected that they will be hung.

The Amur district proposes to open its own zoological station for the exploration of the biology of the sea. The Society maintains here a museum with collections of objects belonging to the Killises, Crocodiles, Chucks, etc. The library of the Society contains 3000 volumes in Russian, French, English, and German.

Maj.-Gen. Subotic, Governor of the Maritime District, has been appointed Commander of the troops in the Kuanan Peninsula.

A French firm has recently opened a magazine of fashions in Vladivostock. Fashions are rather high.

We have already two newspapers, the *Dalat Vostok* and the *Vladivostok*. On the 1st of September, O.S., a new paper, the *Vladivostok Vestnik* (Eastern Herald) made its appearance.

The summer and autumn view have been remarkably fine.— *N. C. Daily News* correspondent.

THE SEARCH FOR ANDREE.

There being no telegraph in Siberia, north of Irkutsk, says a correspondent, and sending this note by messenger up the River Lena that place for telegraphic dispatch. We are now, on September 15, at the Lena Delta, having been pursuing our quest for news of Andree since last April. We have got our boat ready, and in this are now starting to cross from the Lena Delta to the mouth of the Olenek. If we arrive in safety, we shall from thence proceed in sledges to Chatango, the Taimy Peninsula, and the mouth of the Yenisei, in our search. The botanist who has accompanied us thus far is now returning west Jakutsk.

The above despatch was sent by hand a distance of about two thousand miles from the Lena Delta to Irkutsk, for transmission by cable to England. The significance of this latest news from the Swedish Geographical Society's expedition, and the circumstances under which Herr Standig sent it, will be better understood by an extract from his last letter, written in July, in which he says:—"We have no other chance than trying to build a boat ourselves strong enough to carry us safely over the short distance between the Lena Delta and the mouth of the Olenek. We shall do our best as boat-builders, but we cannot expect to build a craft which will exclude all danger in case we should be overtaken by a storm while traversing the open sea."

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CALENDAR.

DECEMBER.

Metereological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.

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Thermometer 50° F.
Humidity 77%
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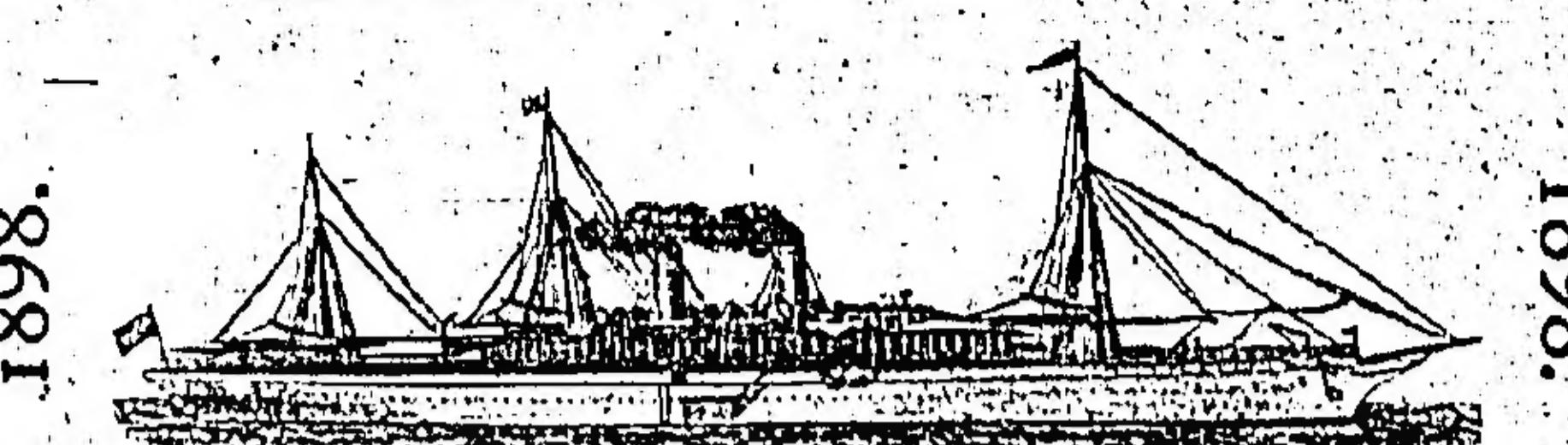
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